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## Judgeship hopefuls include local men

**EDWARDSVILLE** — Nine lawyers, including two with connections to Granite City, have thus far applied for appointment to a vacant associate judgeship in the Third Judicial Circuit.

Madison and Bond counties comprise the Third Circuit.

The vacancy resulted from the election of Charles V. Romani to circuit judgeship on Nov. 8. Romani assumed the circuit judgeship last week.

Seeking the appointment are Gerald McGivern, John Haynes and Scott Cain, all of Edwardsville; Charles R. Douglas of Granite City; Dan O'Neill, all of Alton; Susan Jensen of Glen Carbon; and Gordon Maag of Wood River.

Douglas, 38, has had a private law practice in Granite City for several years, as has Haynes, 44.

McGivern, 51, is a member of

the law firm of Wiseman, Shaikevitz, McGivern, Wahl, Flanagan & Hain in Alton. Before joining the firm in 1969, he was a Madison County assistant state's attorney. McGivern has said he is also interested in appointment to a circuit judgeship.

Cain, 30, and O'Neill, 50, were most recently Madison County assistant state's attorneys, neither retained by new State's Attorney William H. Hause.

Bailey, 33, and Jensen, 34, have been employed as assistant state's attorneys under both Haine and his predecessor, Dick Allen.

Maag, 37, has a law practice in Wood River.

Metz, 42, has a practice in East Alton.

Another nine lawyers have filed but not applied for appointment to the circuit judgeship.

The others were created by the election of circuit judges Philip Patrick and Charles Chapman to the Fifth District Appellate Court.

is Dec. 28. Appointment of associate judgeship to one of the three vacant circuit judgeships would create one or more additional vacancies among associate judges.

The circuit judgeships became vacant with the election of three circuit judges to higher judicial posts.

New circuit judges will be appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court, while the circuit judges will appoint associate judges.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Horace Calvo of Glen Carbon said the circuit judgeships will not be filled before January.

One of the vacancies to be filled is that of Calvo, a circuit judge before he was elected to the state's high court on Nov. 8.

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(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)  
WATCHING CLOSELY: Magician John Apperson performs a tape trick Saturday for more than 350 children and adults attending the annual Christmas party at Venice American Legion Post 307 in Venice for members and their families. Santa Claus later made an appearance and handed out bags of toys and candy to all of the children. It is one of the largest Christmas parties held annually in this area.

## Postal volume up, not overwhelming

By Andy Slering  
Staff writer

**QUAD CITIES** — Blessed are they that are heavy laden, for they shall need back-rubs...

This is the traditional crunch time at the post office, but local postmasters report it hasn't gotten worse.

Granite City Postmaster Charles Parkinson said Monday that volume was more than double that of a normal Monday, but that his staff of six was keeping up with it.

"Everybody's really pitching in and doing a super job," Parkinson said. "They know they're

doing a great service to the community. We haven't had any mail curtailed."

Parkinson said Granite City handled about 125,000 pieces of first-class mail Monday, compared to about 50,000 on a normal day. Parcels were up also, 2,000 compared to a normal of about 650.

Parkinson said all his substitute handlers and carriers were working 40 hours a week; normally, they work only 20 to 30 hours. Five handlers were called in two hours early Monday morning to sort mail, he said.

What keeps the volume from

being unmanageable, Parkinson said, is that the bulk mailers curtail their volume this week as a courtesy to postal authorities.

Next week, third-class volume will increase over normal to accommodate for mailings held back this week.

Venice Postmaster Morris Carson reported normal volume for a Monday, but said the ratio of first-class to third-class was about 4-to-1, compared to the usual 1-to-1.

Madison Postmaster William Stan Brown said volume was 15 percent to 20 percent greater Monday.

## Accidental shooting kills 15-year-old girl

**GRANITE CITY** — An apparently accidental shooting inside a residence has left a 15-year-old girl dead.

Killed was Melissa K. Barnhart of the 2300 block of Mirante Avenue. She was a student at Granite City High School.

Barnhart was pronounced dead at a scene outside Madison County Coroner Randall Irwin. The cause is listed as a single gunshot wound to the head.

A Madison County Sheriff Department spokesman said deputies were called to her home at 12:05 a.m. Sunday to investigate an accidental shooting.

They reported being met by Barnhart's 17-year-old boy friend.

The boy told deputies he and Melissa had been alone in the house the entire evening. He told them that they had been

drinking alcohol and smoking some marijuana. Barnhart had gone upstairs to get a loaded handgun and threatened to kill herself. He said he took the gun from her and put it away at that time.

The boy said that, a short time later, she returned to the room and again pointed the gun at herself. He said he tried to take the gun away again, but during the struggle it discharged.

The name of the 17-year-old is not being released at this time, according to the sheriff's spokesman.

The case is under further investigation by the Sheriff's Department, but is being treated as an accidental shooting and foul play is not suspected, the spokesman said.

A coroner's inquest has been scheduled for Jan. 25.

## Shoplifting problem at many local stores

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

**GRANITE CITY** — While the Christmas season is definitely the pinnacle of the shopping year, it may or may not be the most popular season for shoplifting.

"Christmas is not really the worst time of the year," Lt. Don Knight of the Granite City Police Department said. "It's pretty well spread out through the year."

An average month has 35 shoplifting arrests.

Cliff Smith, loss prevention manager for K mart, this area's largest retailer, said his records show the Christmas season and

Gratuit City's Parkinson singled out for praise Stan Brown, a postal worker who is on vacation this week but has volunteered to play Santa Claus in the lobby of this main post office Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Added to the flood of third-class mail next week will be forms from the Internal Revenue Service, Parkinson said.

"I know people don't like to hear that, but it's a fact of life," he said.

With the IRS income tax forms about to come out, Santa Stan Brown may have to cheer up a few adults as well.

## Car shipping may ensure Price Center future

**GRANITE CITY** — The privately owned vehicle (POV) processing center at the Charles Melvin Price Center opened Friday, the day after it received its first car.

"Some of you will love me for it and a few may hate me, but the center will ensure the future of the Granite City base," said Major Gen. John H. Stanford, commander, Military Traffic Management Command, Falls Church, Va., at the opening ceremony.

He cut the ribbon at the processing center along with Capt. Daniel Sulka, former commander, and Kathleen Losse, the first official customer.

The processing center will be the drop-off point for military and civilian personnel assigned

to both Europe and the Far East who fly in and out of St. Louis. It is expected to handle 1,500 cars a month.

Automobiles brought to the center will be loaded on car transport trucks and shipped to one of the military ports, according to Sgt. 1st Class M. Peerenboom, Military Traffic Management Command spokesman.

He said that prior to the opening people who wished to take cars overseas had to drive them to military ports on the East, West and Gulf coasts.

"This will just be a whole lot easier," Peerenboom said. "It will also mean the military will have to give the person less time. Driving, there is always a chance of breaking down."

**A RIBBON IS CUT** opening the POV processing center. From left are Major Gen. John Stanford; Kathleen Losse, the center's first customer; and Capt. Daniel Sulka.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

## Reviews and previews

### Therapy Center sparks controversy

Two public forums and a series of Madison School Board committee meetings are expected before the board decides if it will allow the Education Therapy Center, which serves behaviorally disturbed students, to move into Louis Baer School. In a letter sent to the board, Madison Police Chief Charles Bridick and Lt. Paul Bargiel said they were concerned about the effect the school might have on the community and district students.

### Bathon cleared of charge

A scuffle between Madison County Auditor Fred Bathon and an employee concerning a personal folder does not merit criminal charges against Bathon, the state's attorney decided last week. Bathon was involved in the confrontation with Bernadette Williams on his first day on the job Dec. 1.

### IP campaigns for rate increase

The Illinois Commerce Commission is expected to rule Jan. 31 on a phased-in electric rate increase that would assist the Illinois Power Co. in retiring a \$4 billion debt for construction of its Clinton Power Plant. The result could be a 10.9 percent residential rate increase and annual increases of between 3.6 and 5.9 percent.

## 50 years ago

Thursday, Dec. 22, 1938

Little Mary Lou Boushard, well known and talented entertainer of this city, gave a big free Christmas show in the auditorium of Central Grade School. She and her little friends hoped everyone would attend.

## Tip of the hat

### Scouting for others

Steve Uram of Boy Scout Troop 13, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, surveyed 24 local businesses, restaurants, churches and public buildings for their accessibility to the disabled. Uram is working toward his Eagle-Scout award. The survey was done as his service project to aid disabled people in the city. Uram's sister has muscular dystrophy. The information was given to area health agencies.



Steve Uram

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**TREE OF LIGHTS SUPPORT:** Matthew Fingerhut, left, and Missy Horrell present checks for \$25 each to Capt. Curtis Hall of the Salvation Army. Fingerhut is president of Delmar's Lions Club and Missy Horrell is president of Crafty Creations, both Junior Achievement companies. The companies are sponsored by Illinois Power Co., which is collecting toys at its downtown offices at Delmar and Niedringhaus avenues through today (Wednesday) for distribution by the Salvation Army.

## Jewelry shop makes some restitution

By Andy Siering  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The Illinois Attorney General's office has made progress in obtaining restitution from the owner of a local jewelry store that closed in early November owing cash and jewelry to customers.

Dennis Orsey, Attorney General Dennis Orsey said Robert Morano, the owner of R.J. Ltd.

### Past Matrons Club celebrates holiday

The Past Matrons Club of Granite Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, celebrated Christmas in the lunch room of Rodermel's Restaurant on Dec. 3.

The luncheon was opened by President Mary French. Invocation was by Past Matron Virginia John French introduced new honoree, Worth Matron Kimberly Hebbelthwaitte.

Card games were played and

Fine Jewelers, had made restitution with a total value of \$2,000 to several customers.

Morano was found in Jabwin, Mo., south of Rolla. Orsey said Morano had agreed to make restitution on two of another 12 complaints.

The other 10 are in the process of being worked out," Orsey said. "We have been in regular contact with Mr. Morano and

he has been cooperative."

Orsey said anybody who feels they are owed something by Morano can make a claim in person by stopping by the Granite City Regional Office of the Attorney General, 1314 Niedringhaus Ave., or by calling 877-0404.

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# SEMC among four Metro East hospitals praised

By Edward T. Hearn  
PRJ Washington bureau

**WASHINGTON** — Four Metro East area hospitals reported having normal mortality rates this year for Medicare patients who died within 30 days of their admission, a controversial survey by the Department of Health and Human Services said this week.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center of Granite City, Centreville Township Hospital of Centreville, and Gateway Community Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, both in East St. Louis, were grouped in the 14-volume survey. All but more than 5,500 hospitals that fall within the normal range of predicted mortality rates for 1986.

Overall, the HHS survey of 6,000 hospitals nationwide found that only 188 of them had reported mortality levels above the normal predicted range. HHS gave hospitals the chance to respond to the survey before its public release on Thursday.

"We believe that publication of information of this sort is a valuable contribution to improving the quality of care across the country," Dr. William Roper, administrator of HHS's Health

Care Financing Administration, said in a press conference here.

"It's valuable for doctors and hospitals."

In Illinois, 226 hospitals were included in the HHS study, with just six of them having mortality rates above the normal rate and nine of them having rates below, the HHS survey said.

Despite the generally favorable results, some hospital officials were quick to find fault with the third edition of "Medicare Hospital Mortality Information," which HHS put out along with revised 1986 figures. HHS's Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) runs Medicare, a federal health-care program for people older than 65 and for the disabled.

Many national hospital spokesman criticized the survey, failed to take into account the severity of a person's illness; used the 30-day admission standard to attribute deaths to a hospital even when it death was unrelated to the original illness; and failed to explain if differing mortality rates reflect the quality of patient care.

Dr. James S. Todd, an executive vice president of the American Medical Association, said his

organization was developing its own hospital guidebook for release next year and urged careful use of the HHS mortality figures.

"Such data are easily misinterpreted and are inadequate in judging a hospital's ability to treat patients. The data have the potential to be perverted for individual hospital gain," Todd said in prepared remarks.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center (Granite City) and all the hospitals were rated in 16 diagnostic

categories, including cancer, renal failure and low-risk heart disease.

In 1987, SEMC treated 1,548 Medicare patients and 13 percent of them died within 30 days of their admission to the hospital either as patients or outpatients. The predicted mortality rate was 9 to 14 percent, the HHS survey said.

Centreville Township Hospital (East St. Louis) admitted 221 Medicare patients in 1987 and 12 percent died within 30 days. The

hospital had a predicted mortality rate between 6 and 16 percent, the HHS survey said.

Gateway Community Hospital Center (East St. Louis) had 215 Medicare patients last year and 8 percent died within 30 days. Gateway's predicted mortality rate was 7 to 16 percent, the HHS survey said.

The figures for St. Mary's (East St. Louis) were 891 Medicare patients, 9 percent, and an 8-13 range.

Nationally, just 188 hospitals,

or 3.2 percent, were above the predicted range; 363 hospitals, or 6.2 percent, were reported to be below the predicted mortality range, the survey said.

Defending the mortality figures as at least a tool to guide hospital consumers, the report said: "Hospitals with mortality rates exceeding the predicted rate are more likely to have quality problems than other hospitals. But not all hospitals with mortality rates exceeding the predicted range have problems."

## Most hospitals score well in national study

By Sabrina Eaton  
PRJ Washington bureau

**WASHINGTON** — A new federal study of mortality among Medicare patients found almost 45 percent of St. Louis metropolitan area hospitals fell well within expected ranges for patient deaths.

Exceptions were Wood River Township Hospital, Normandy General Hospital, North and St. Louis Regional Medical Center.

The national study, "Medicare Hospital Mortality Information," was released Thursday by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). It showed mortality rates of Medicare patients in nearly 6,000 hospitals for 30 days after they were admitted to a hospital during 1986 and 1987. The report also included actual and predicted mortality ranges for 16 diagnostic categories plus an overall score. It is intended primarily for use by hospital administrators, physicians, peer review organizations, state survey and other agencies as a "screening tool" to identify potential problems.

The agency emphasized consumers should not interpret the results as asking questions of their physicians, not reach judgments about the quality of care in a particular hospital.

Consumer groups, trade associations and hospital administrators blasted the study because they feared it might be improperly used to judge hospital care.

We do support efforts to measure and improve the quality of care of all our patients," Steve Hunter, vice president and chief operating officer of Incarnate Word Hospital, said in an editorial letter to HCFA. "But fear the possibility of inaccurate and/or unfortunate conclusions by consumers, practitioners, and the public to the proposed data release."

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In another letter, John Kissel, M.D., vice president for medical affairs at St. Louis Regional Medical Center, whose institution also fell within predicted ranges for overall mortality and patient failures, called the data "worse than meaningless" and "misleading."

Comparison of your approach to more sophisticated methods indicates that your analysis systematically underpredicts mortality for more severely ill patients," he said. "Publicizing your results, you do a disservice to those institutions which accept a disproportionate share of seriously ill Medicare patients."

Because the predicted mortality rates for each hospital is unique, based on a wide range of variables specific to the institution, it is impossible to draw conclusions about how one institution compares with another.

Yet each hospital's mortality rates are presented as being within or outside a predicted range — a finding that administrators said may encourage readers to conclude one institution is better or worse than another.

In fact, the report said "hospitals with actual mortality rates exceeding the predicted range are more likely to have quality problems than other hospitals."

A study of the HCFA methods by the General Accounting Office concluded the agency improved its mortality data since 1985, but there is still room for improvements in methods and data.

Ralph Nader's Public Citizen Health Research Group agreed with the GAO assessment.

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## Simon, Costello anti hike

**By Edward T. Hearn**  
P-RJ Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., 21st, said he will not support a new advisory commission's proposal to boost congressional salaries by upwards of 50 percent.

The Quadrennial Commission on Executive, Legislative and Judicial Salaries, in a series of sweeping and controversial proposals, has recommended raising the annual pay of senators and representatives from \$89,500 to \$135,000, beginning next year.

"I think the average working man or woman finds that kind of a raise hard to swallow," Costello said in a prepared statement.

"I realized the salaries that members of Congress were paid when I ran for this office, and I will oppose this increase and will join other members in opposing this raise."

But the salary proposals, which contained similarly large pay hikes for the president, vice president and more than 1,100 federal judges, were constrained on strict limits on income derived from speaking, writing fees and other appearance fees, known also as honoraria.

Rep. Simon, however, supported the idea of barring honoraria and believe that part of the commission's recommendation is worthy of praise," the Belleville Democrat said.

Reaction to the salary increases was mixed. Some Illinois officials support an end to outside speaking fees that trouble so many political observers, they also expressed fears about the political fallout from giving themselves raises.

"I don't think it's justified, and I will oppose it," Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said in a statement from Chicago. "Public service could be attractive for reasons other than money."

In 1987, all congressmen except those in leadership positions earned \$87,500. Federal law allows House members to keep honoraria equivalent to 10 percent of their salary, or \$25,800. Senators may keep up to 40 percent, or \$34,900.

Last year, Simon kept the entire \$21,500 that he earned in speaking fees from corporate and civic organizations. Sen. Alan Dixon, also an Illinois Democrat, made \$24,950 in outside speaking fees and gave them to charity, according to their Senate financial disclosure forms.

Thursday, the nine-member panel, chaired by former Carter White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler, presented a final report to President Ronald Reagan, who could direct its findings to Congress. It recommended a compromise with some of his own salary proposals. The House and Senate both have until Feb. 8 to reject the pay plan or the measure would become automatic.

The commission formed in 1987 and charged with studying top federal salaries, pegged its wage increases to the decline in purchasing power of top federal employees between 1989 and 1987.

A commission draft report said the purchasing power of congressional salaries declined 65 percent from 1969 and 1988. While congressional salaries had a modest 1.5 percent increase during the same period.

## Bellcoff, Broadway honored

MADISON — Masonic Triple Lodge 835 presented plaques to Mayor John Bellcoff and Playground and Recreation Director Jim Broadway at the City Council meeting Dec. 13.

The Community Builders Awards were given to the officials for their work to improve the community and make it a better place for youth, said Masonic Worshipful Master Curtis Bosworth.

## SIUE announces holiday schedule

Students attending classes at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are observing a break between fall and winter quarters, Dec. 17 through Jan. 3.

Administrative and service offices, usually open during the break, will close at the end of business Friday, Dec. 23, and open again Tuesday, Jan. 3.

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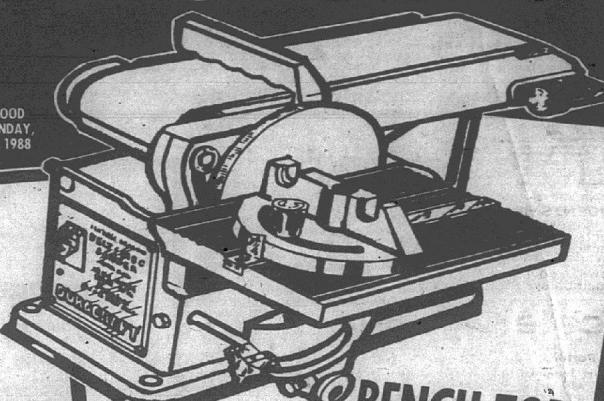
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**STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS:** Members of the Granite City High School Student Council present a check for \$500 to Gail Eble, third from left, principal of Prather Elementary School. The money was raised through collections in the various clubs at the high school. The money is to be used to buy shoes for needy children at the elementary school. From left are Amy Aud and Tracie Wilson, chairmen of the fund drive; Eble; Nancy Mathews, a social worker at Prather School; and Cindy Coakley and Priscilla Meyenburg, both members of the student council.



**CITY'S AMBASSADORS HELP SANTA:** The Granite City ambassadors present more than 200 gifts to representatives of Catholic Charities and Protestant Welfare. The gifts were collected at the mayor's annual reception sponsored by the city's ambassadors. From left are Dolores Gaines of Protestant Welfare; Elmer Stille, president of the ambassadors; Mayor Von Dee Cruise; Dan Brown, president-elect of the ambassadors; and Karen Costello and Mary Alice Beardslee, both of Catholic Charities. The two United Way agencies will distribute the gifts prior to Christmas.

## Accelerating income into 1988 may make 1989 seem brighter

By Sylvia Porter

The smart money is betting that tax rates never will be lower than in 1988. If you agree, accelerate any income you can into 1988 and defer deductions into 1989.

If your philosophy, though, is to pay next year worry about next year) then in general you should defer income until 1989 and accelerate deductions into 1988.

If you want to pay the least amount of tax in 1988, your strategy is to start by paying state and local income taxes and charitable contributions in December so that you can otherwise pay 1988-1989, suggest William B. Rosenberg and Richard A. Klass, both certified public accountants with New York-based Weiner & Co.

In addition, for those itemized deductions that are subject to limitations based on your adjusted gross

income — such as medical expenses and miscellaneous expenses (say, unreimbursed employee business expenses) — it may be beneficial to bunch such expenses for 1988 and 1989 into 1988. This can assure that your deductions will exceed any limitations stated in the current law.

For example, you could have elective medical or dental work performed and paid for in 1988 instead of waiting until 1989.

Similarly, you could pay certain miscellaneous expenses (investment expenses or fees for tax advice, and the like) in 1988 instead of paying them in 1989.

However, if you determine that you will not exceed the limitations even by paying in 1988 all 1989 expenses you know about, pay no expenses in 1988. Then, when you pay them in 1989, your 1988, 1989 and early-paid 1990 expenses

together will exceed the 1989 limitations. We know that personal interest will be 40 percent deductible if paid in 1988 and only 20 percent deductible in 1989. Therefore, pay any personal interest you have incurred in 1988 by the end of this year to avoid the smaller deduction in 1989.

Personal interest includes interest incurred on such items as credit cards and car loans.

If you are in the process of an Internal Revenue Service audit and will owe taxes and interest, it would be wise to have the audit completed and pay the interest in 1988 so that 40 percent of the interest will be deductible.

If you have personal debt outstanding, seriously consider replacing it with fully deductible home-equity debt.

Generally, debt not incurred to purchase your home, but secured by your home in an amount of up to \$100,000, of deductions.

will qualify for deduction. Because this is an extremely technical area, consult your tax adviser to make sure your loan qualifies.

The standard deduction (\$4,000 for married persons and \$3,000 for single taxpayers) can be used to create tax savings if your actual deductions will approximate the standard deduction. Taxpayers in this position should use a budgeting strategy.

For example, assume you are a married couple with itemized deductions that will approximate \$4,500 in 1988 and 1989. Since this is less than the standard deduction of \$5,000, you will deduct \$5,000 in both 1988 and 1989 (disregarding the interest adjustment in 1989), or a total of \$10,000.

By accelerating \$2,500 of your 1989 deductions into 1988, you can deduct \$7,000 in 1988 and the standard deduction in 1989, or a total of \$12,000 of deductions.

Typical taxpayers receiving interest income often forget they may have losses from bonds they own — and you may be a typical taxpayer in this sense.

Do not forget that capital gains can be converted into savings by selling the bonds and using the losses against capital gains or, if you have no capital gains, up to \$3,000 of losses may be applied against ordinary income. Similarly, you can sell stocks on which you have capital losses.

After reviewing all deductions, review your income items to see if you can defer receipt of any until 1989.

For instance, you might want to invest in a U.S. Treasury bill or certificate of deposit with a maturity date one year or less that does not come due until 1989. Also, you might want to postpone a sale of stock until 1989 or in other ways postpone the income until 1989, while locking in the gain.

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## Woman stabbed

By Andy Siering  
Staff writer

BROOKLYN — Katherine A. Brown, 26, was found stabbed to death Monday morning in the 300 block of Canal Street.

Brooklyn Police Chief Eugene Douglas noticed her body while making his patrol rounds, lying in the front yard of an abandoned house. She had been stabbed once in the left side of her chest. Authorities said Brown, who worked at a florist shop in the 600 block of Jefferson Street, was last seen at about 3 a.m. She appeared to have been dead for several hours when Douglas discovered the body at 6:45 a.m.

## Two youths found in downtown store

GRANITE CITY — Police and firefighters responded Monday to the Krumrey Home Furnishings store in the 1300 block of 19th Street, where two 15-year-old boys were found upstairs in the second floor.

Authorities said Brown, who worked at a florist shop in the 600 block of Jefferson Street, was last seen at about 3 a.m. She appeared to have been dead for several hours when Douglas discovered the body at 6:45 a.m.

as storekeepers and speakers had joined to the store by 11:30 a.m.

The items had been removed from their original packages, he said. With the stores and speakers was a tool box.

Officers and the employees also discovered the two boys upstairs in the building and held the pair for police.

After Police Sgt. J.W. Apperson arrived, he reported the smell of smoke and saw smoke seeping from the second floor and firefighters were summoned. A small fire was found in a storage room and was extinguished.

The youths reported lighting a cigarette when they could see, as it was dark upstairs.

Entry to the storage floor may have been gained by breaking a window on the third floor, it was noted.

Officers searched the building but found no one else inside.

## Dubbles may open Madison restaurant

By Andy Siering  
Staff writer

MADISON — A Dubbles restaurant will open early next year in Madison if the City Council approves the sale of property on Madison Avenue to Philmark Inc., an Alton-based restaurant chain.

On Dec. 13 the City Council approved a \$550,000 sealed bid from Philmark for lots at 321-327 Madison Ave.

The council will vote whether to accept the bid at the next council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Mark Schwartzkopf, president of Philmark, said the company will open a drive-through restaurant "similar to Zippy's."

Schwartzkopf said the restaurant would employ about 35 people — 10 of them full time.

### Church offers free Christmas Eve meal

The Logan Street Church of Christ will host its fourth annual Christmas Eve dinner at the Lenten Service Center, 10th and Klein streets. This dinner is for persons who will not have the opportunity to have Christmas dinner with family and friends.

The church will also be deliv-

### Council of Seniors sets holiday dinner

The Granite City Council of Seniors annual Christmas dinner and dance will be held Dec. 26 at the Granite City Township Hall, 2068 Delmar Ave.

Tickets, which are \$5, are on sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

the Township Hall. All seniors 55 and older are welcome.

Dinner will start at 6 p.m. Dancing will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing transportation may call Gertrude Barkley at 876-9039.

**Shoplifting**

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and food are also frequently stolen.

The largest item that Knight remembers being stolen was a Christmas tree.

"Last year, these kids were just dragging the tree off the lot!" Knight said. It was later learned that the children did not have a tree at home, and were attempting to brighten their holiday.

Infact people used what they take, but that's not to say they don't have the money to pay for it," Knight said. "Most of them have more than enough money in their pockets to pay for whatever they've stolen."

Items stolen are rarely worth the consequences that accompany shoplifting. A first offense at retail theft, shoplifting's formal name, results in a misdemeanor charge which usually carries a fine and/or court supervision.

"They get one chance at a

misdemeanor," Knight said. "Even that goes on your record and, if a company does a police check, it will show up. Nobody wants to hire a thief."

A subsequent offense is a felony which can mean a mandatory year of court supervision and one year to three years of jail time. The offender can also face fines of up to \$10,000.

Many stores have dealt with shoplifting by using camera monitors, plainclothes security personnel, wall-to-wall mirrors and scanning systems.

Knight said that area businesses most targeted by shoplifters include not only stores like K-mart but also grocery stores.

Steve Fletchall, manager of the Granite City Shop 'n Save, said his store loses between \$5,000 and \$10,000 annually to shoplifters.

"We don't have a lot of problems," Fletchall said. "We don't carry liquor, so they usually

## Multiple sclerosis volunteers sought

By Anne Hazard  
PRJ Washington bureau

She was pronounced dead at 7:55 a.m. by St. Clair County Deputy Coroner Ace Hart.

Authorities have not determined a motive in the slaying, but robbery is a possibility. Douglas found only a set of keys and Brown's driver license at the scene.

The homicide is being investigated by the Illinois Division of Criminal Investigation.

An autopsy was performed Monday evening. The results will not be available for two weeks.

Brown, a lifetime resident of Brooklyn, was a student aide for the Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis.

Volunteers are being sought by the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 915 Olive St., St. Louis 63101. Responsibilities include clerical and office duties, as well as working with MS patients through the "Friends and Family Program" and toll-free helpline.

Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease — a disabling affliction of the brain and spinal cord — for which there is as yet no cure.

In MS, the substance known as myelin, a tissue which insulates

the nerve fibers, disintegrates. It is replaced by scar tissue, thus blocking or distorting nerve impulses which control such functions as walking, talking, vision and other bodily functions.

MS is neither a mental disease, nor is it contagious. However, approximately 500,000 Americans suffer from MS and related diseases.

Victims are usually between the ages of 15 and 50, and their numbers are growing. Recent

government figures show that 200 people a week are diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis.

Those who have MS usually display some or all of these symptoms: partial or complete paralysis of parts of the body; double or otherwise defective vision, such as double or blurred movements of eyeballs; noticeable dragging of one or both feet; speech difficulties, such as slurring; staggering or loss of balance (MS people erroneously

are thought to be intoxicated); extreme weakness or fatigue; progressive loss of coordination and tremors of hands.

Multiple Sclerosis is usually progressive, causing the person to succumb to a series of unexpected attacks which may cause further disability, even paralysis. Sometimes, it may only display itself through minor or fleeting symptoms which are infrequent.

## Steelworkers cite concern over imports

By Anne Hazard  
PRJ Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — The United Steelworkers of America (USWA) has asked federal officials to pave the way for renewal and expansion of a voluntary system to limit steel exports to the United States.

The USWA asked for strengthened controls on Dec. 13, the final day of its "Basic Steel Conference" attended by more than 300 presidents of steel union locals throughout the country.

The 29 contractors now participating in the plan have agreed to limit steel exports to the United States. The agreements are expected to keep imports from the nations at a level under 20.2 percent of the domestic market.

Paul Gipson, president of Local 6787, which represents Bethlehem Steel's Burns Harbor plant in Porter County in northwest Indiana, said he believes some countries are violating their agreements by shipping steel to the United States through Canada, which does not participate in the program.

"We feel that the International Trade Commission has not done a good job" of policing illegal exports to the United States, he said. The USWA wants stronger monitoring to prevent future violations, he said.

Bob Cassidy, director of steel policy for the U.S. Trade Representative's Office, said Presi-

dent-elect George Bush has pledged to work for extension of the agreements, which will expire next October.

The agreements are negotiated by the executive branch of the government, specifically the U.S. Trade Representative's Office.

Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV, D-W.Va., who told the steelworkers he expects to be selected as the new chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, said he is "ready to do battle" to extend the restraint system.

Congress must pass a bill authorizing enforcement by the Customs Service of any agreements that are negotiated.

Farm equipment manufacturers like Caterpillar and John Deere, which buy steel for their manufacturing processes, have expressed opposition to continuation of the agreement, saying it will drive up the price of steel.

If the plan is not extended when the agreements expire, the steel industry will plunge into another depression, including layoffs and abandonment of domestic steel plants, said USWA District 31 Director Jack Parton. His territory contains about 10,000 steelworkers in northwest Indiana and northeastern Illinois.

Restraint agreements were negotiated with major steel-producing nations in 1984 in response to surges in steel imports from subsidized foreign steel mills, said Jack Sheehan, USWA legislative director.

Union officials credit the voluntary arrangement in large part with fueling a comeback of America's steel industry, which expects to produce about 84 million tons of steel this year.

USWA President Lyman Williams said that, to be effective, the restraint system needs to cover foreign producers like Canada, Sweden and developing nations like Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and the Philippines, which have not signed an agreement to limit exports.

The steel industry suffered a severe depression from about 1973 through 1982, during which shipments in the United States varied from 61 million to 77 million tons.

Continued recovery of the industry depends on willingness by steel executives to funnel profits back into their plants, Parton said.

"We have made accommodations necessary to save the industry," including \$1 billion in wage and benefit concessions since 1983, he said. "The steel industry is coming around, and we have been a great cause of that, and we intend to share in that."

In discussing the status of the domestic steel industry, USWA officials referred to "minimills" as a challenge to the union's effort to organize all steelworkers in a collective bargaining agreements.

Minimills are smaller than

regular steel plants and are located primarily in the South. They generally have lower overhead costs than regular mills.

Instead of producing steel from raw materials, minimills reheat scrap iron. Only about 50 percent of the workers at such plants have been unionized.

Nucor, a company with 23 manufacturing plants, a number of which are minimills, is building a plant in Claypoolville, Ind., near Terre Haute. It will begin production in six months and is expected to manufacture a million tons of steel sheets a year.

Pete Busse, vice president of Nucor and general manager of its Claypoolville plant, said there has been no effort to unionize the plant's employees, which ultimately will number 500.

"I'm sure the USWA will call on these people and ask them if they're being treated fair and square, and if they want to join a union," he said.

But Busse predicted that the plant will not become unionized. Instead, Busse said, the benefits package the company offers its employees is closer to the average paid to unionized steel workers, he said.

"We have a fairly happy group here," he said. "I think the freedom and the benefits we give to hourly workers gives them a lot of self-respect."

## Venice police

### Refrigerator recovered

While on patrol in the 1100 block of Bissell Street about 1:45 a.m. Dec. 5, Patrolman Oliver Mason requested back-up assistance when he spotted four men near a refrigerator in the front yard at a house.

Later the same day, the refrigerator was found to have been stolen from the apartment of

The men fled from the scene and a search of the area failed to locate them. The occupant at the house said the almond-colored appliance was not her property when questioned by the officer.

Later the same day, the refrigerator was found to have been stolen from the apartment of

Patricia Cranberry of the Bissell Street Apartments, who was in the process of moving, she advised police upon returning to the apartment.

The front door of the Cranberry apartment was pried open and the premises had been ransacked.

Also taken by the burglars were a 19-inch television, a set of oak bunk beds, two leather jackets, an almond-colored washer and dryer and stereo component equipment, including a turntable, cassette player and two speakers. An investigation is continuing.

## Obituaries

### Brown

Katherine Brown, 26, of Brooklyn, was pronounced dead at 7:55 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 1988, by St. Clair County Deputy Coroner Ace Hart. She had been stabbed to death.

Her body was found in front of an abandoned residence in the 600 block of Canal Street, Brooklyn. Autopsy is being made.

She was born May 19, 1962, and was a student aide for the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Lehman-Sedlack Funeral Home, 1501 Winstanley Ave., East St. Louis, 874-3244.

### Hardin

Albert Hardin, 92, of The Colonades nursing home in Granite City died at 3 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, in the nursing home.

Arrangements are pending at Lehman-Sedlack Funeral Home, 615 Madison Ave., Madison, 876-4321.

Thomas Donaldson

Thomas B. Donaldson, 66, of Mitchell died at 11:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been ill for about 25 years and the hospital the same length of time.

Born Jan. 17, 1922, in Ramsey, Ill., he had lived in this community for 42 years. He was the owner of Donaldson's Cafe in Mitchell for 38 years and retired in 1980 after 27 years of service with A.O. Smith Corp. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, the former Cathryn Raymond; one daughter, Mrs. David (Patricia) Hull of Mitchell; two sons, Thomas E. Donaldson of Granite City and Richard Lee Donaldson of Vandalia; four sisters, Mrs. Wilfred (Betty) Eberhart of Mitchell, Georgia Beccus of San Francisco, Mrs. George (Louise) Bugle of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Louise (Mrs. Charles) Hargrave of Mo.; his mother, Laura Donaldson of Vandalia; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Officer Funeral Home, 1501 Winstanley Ave., East St. Louis. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at St. John's Baptist Church, 309 Canal St., Brooklyn, with the Rev. Charles Bell officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

### Jump

Shirley (Holderfield) Jump, 55, of Mounts, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died of a heart attack at 3:31 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1988, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Born in Mounts on May 31, 1933, Mrs. Jump resided in Granite City for 20 years before moving to Mounts four years ago.

She was a homemaker and was of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include her husband, James E. (Junior) Sr. of Mounts; one son, James Jump Jr. of Coffeen, Ill.; four daughters, Theresa Huff of Troy, Ill., and Mona McElvain, Paula Klima and Traci Jump, all of Granite City; and six grandchildren.

Her remains were cremated.

### Pryor

Lettie (Horton) Pryor, 85, of Brooklyn died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 1988, at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis.

Born May 8, 1903, in Alabama. Preceding her in death was her husband, Godfrey Pryor.

Survivors include her two sons, David Pryor of St. Louis and Robert Pryor of Brooklyn; one daughter, Marie Hill of East St. Louis; two brothers, James Horton of Detroit and Leo Horton of Madison; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation was held from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Officer Funeral Home, 1501 Winstanley Ave., East St. Louis. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at St. John's Baptist Church, 309 Canal St., Brooklyn, with the Rev. Charles Bell officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

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Melissa K. Barnhart, 15, of Granite City was pronounced dead from an apparent gunshot wound to the head at her home at 12:29 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, 1988, by Madison County Deputy Coroner Randall Irwin.

Born May 8, 1973, in Granite City, she had been a lifelong resident and was a student at Granite City High School. She was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her parents, William R. and Kathleen (Greer) Barnhart Jr. of Granite City; one sister, Shelly R. Barnhart of Granite City; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Patricia) Green of Gillespie; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett (Irene) Barnhart of Pacific, Mo.

Visitation began at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Washington Ave., where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at St. John's Baptist Church, 309 Canal St., Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Davis officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Edwardsville.

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# Church leaders concerned over possible foreclosure of 2,000 farms in this state

The Office for Rural Life of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has joined the voices of the nation's Catholic leaders in expressing concern about 85,000 foreclosure warnings being sent to farmers with Farmers Home Administration loans.

The FmHA in mid-November began sending notices to all farmers who are at least 45 days behind on their FmHA loans.

Twenty-four percent of all Illinois farmers with FmHA loans, or 2,040 farmers, were scheduled to receive a notice of

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Archbishop John Roach

delinquency.

Joe Bergschneider, director of rural life in the Springfield diocese, said the 35,000 U.S. farmers receiving the "Notice of Availability of Loan Services Program" for Delinquent Farmers' must respond within 45 days or they risk losing their farms.

The U.S. Catholic Conference is asking the U.S. Department of Agriculture to delay any foreclosures until farmers have had ample opportunity to restructure their debt.

Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Food, Agriculture and Rural Development, said in a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Richard

Lynch, "Another round of farm foreclosures will only deepen the human pain and economic dislocation so evident in the farm recession of the early to mid-1980s."

The 28 counties in the Springfield diocese are Adams, Bond, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Christian, Clark, Crawford, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Effingham, Franklin, Fayette, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Scott and Shelby.

## Independent contractors face back unemployment pay crisis

Employer groups statewide, including the Southern Illinois Builders Association, have expressed disappointment that Gov. James R. Thompson has decided not to support a unanimous recommendation by the Illinois General Assembly Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) regarding independent contractors.

Illinois employers are unknowingly facing millions of dollars in back unemployment insurance taxes and interest owed to the state, the SIBA said.

Increasing numbers of employer audits by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) have resulted in a major change in the traditional interpretation of the "independent contractor" under Section 212 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, the SIBA added.

JCAR, a bipartisan joint committee of the House and Senate, is the oversight arm of state government. JCAR instructed the IDES to cease and desist in the collection of back taxes, interest and penalties and directed the department to promulgate rules for determining independent contractor status in the future.

An SIBA spokesman said,

### Project sends Boy Scouts to camp

GRANITE CITY — Dogs may be man's best friend, but boys — especially Boy Scouts — may benefit from canines as well. Rafton Purina Company and the Boy Scouts of America have announced the continuation of the "Help Send a Scout to Camp" program which allows scouts to attend summer camp free of charge.

The program, available to all Scouts and Scout troops in the BSA's 12-state North Central Region, is designed to help provide money for summer camp through the collection of weight circles from any bag of Purina Dog Chow.

Scouts in the area will collect the weight circles, as proof of use, between now and May 1989. For every weight circle collected, Scouts will earn 50 cents toward summer camp fees.

"Nationally, camp fees range from \$70-\$80 per Boy Scout," said J. Thomas Ford Jr., regional director of the BSA's North Central Region, Granite City. "So, Scouts officials believe this program will help many boys attend camp who otherwise would not be able to afford it."

The camping experience is considered a vital one, to any

"For more than 50 years, Illinois employers have relied on and governed their business contract with the established church that certain contractual relationships have traditionally been exempt from unemployment insurance coverage as independent contractors."

A change in enforcement policy and an upgrading of auditing procedures by the IDES have resulted in the reclassification of many occupations.

"No Illinois employer is exempt from the possibility of being audited by IDES. Employers found to be in violation of the Unemployment Insurance Act may then be assessed back taxes, interest and penalties."

"According to the IDES, employers have the right to invoke a four-year statute of limitation on the assessment of back taxes."

"At issue, however, is the fact that even four years of back assessments and interest could result in the employer owing the state hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"As a result, an employer may be forced to reduce the size of his work force, look elsewhere to do business or possibly even face bankruptcy."

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Boy Scout. With the help of Purina Dog Chow, more Scouts will be able to experience the character-building and camaraderie involved in Scouting.

The program was available to area Scouts during 1988 through a special on-pack sticker offer. In 1989, Purina Dog Chow has broadened the program by allowing Scouts to collect weight circles in bags of Purina Dog Chow or Purina Dog Chow for Small Dogs.

The BSA hopes area consumers not connected to Scouting will send the camp-funding weight circles to the Cahokia Mound Council, Granite City, which will redeem them for cash from Dog Chow.

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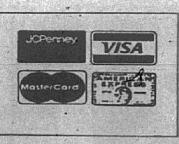
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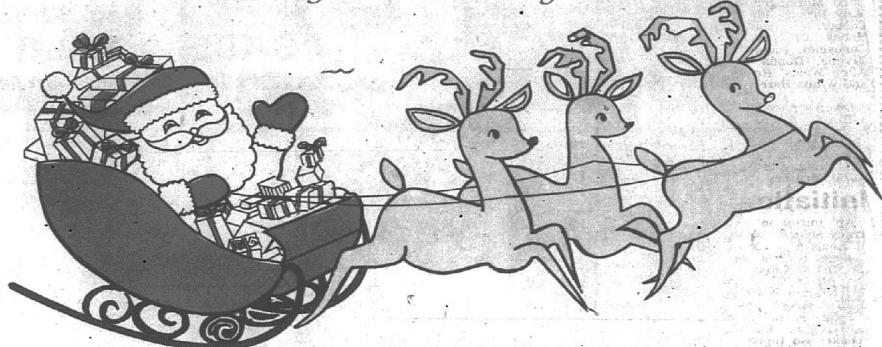


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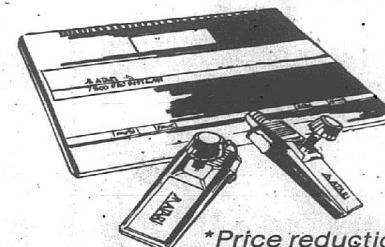
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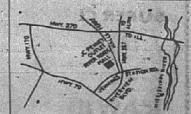
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# Baby shower given at local Baptist church

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Games were played, with prizes going to Joanne Stanton and Phyllis Knight.

Refreshments were served to Ed Stagner, Ross Marie Vizer, Peggy Stagner, Ruby and Dorothy Stagner; Ali Stagner, Erika Ashley; Anne Hopa, Helen Horn, Faye Hester, Virginia Bridges, Mindy Kessler, Barb and Grace Cruse, Paula Inville, Lucy Potts, Ruth Rachel and Sarah Clark, Merice Beaver, Elizabeth Phillips, and Barbara Smith.

Eileen Badgett, Maxie and Tana Stamps, Angela Stamps, Pauline Chrusciel, Linda Ross, Barb Mersinger, Ruth Taylor, Judy Prokes, Ida Kilmer, Betty Conner, Brianna Chrusciel, Lia Hrbek, Carolyn Ezell, Alyssa Schuch, Peggy Heffner, Lois Biven, Dorothy Bryant, Mary Alice Weiss, Rosemary Wilson and Wilma Herring.

Dorothy Lane entertained with a family dinner party for her husband, Kenneth, who celebrated his 62nd birthday. Present were Britt and Karen Lane and son, Craig, and Tim Lane, wife Sallie, Brittney and Sean, all of Granite City.

**Initiation ceremony conducted**

An initiation ceremony for Tracy Smith, associate professor of art, and Vicki L. Johnson, College opened the meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Alpha Eta Chapter, held at the Diamond Mineral Springs Hotel in Grant City.

Following the luncheon, Syrelia Gregory introduced guest speaker Ed Hightower, principal of Eunice Smith School in Alton. His topic was "Within Me Lives the Power to Live My Dreams."

Awards were presented to Henry and Ruby Ollinger of Granite City; and Hazel Towery of Granite City was conducted by Helen Paterson, chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Also attending were Marlene Barach of Bethalto, Margorie Barbon of Alton, Carolyn Beckett of Edwardsville, Thelma Benson of Wood River, Carol Beste of Edwardsville, Betty Bledsoe of Edwardsville, Eliza-

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Sixteen Madison County Baptist Association Church clerks have been recognized on their 1988 uniform church letters.

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Outstanding: Barbara Elmore of Second Baptist Church of Granite City; Susan Hopkins of First Baptist Church of Glen Carbon; and Glenda Clasquid of Southern Baptist Church of Highland.

Excellent: Betty Gouy of Temple Baptist Church; Sue Burkhardt of Grace Baptist Church of Granite City; Patricia Waldo of First Baptist Church of Mitchell; Ruth Price of Alton First Southern Church; and Evelyn Alford of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Good: Deborah Walkins of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Elaine A. Grayson of First Granite City Baptist Church; Mary Schaefer of New Hope Baptist Church; Barbara Rizzo of Fontenelle Baptist Church; Joyce Dalton of First Baptist Church of Maryville; Gloria Wagner of Meadow Heights; Neil McElroy of State Park; and Patti Patterson of Troy Baptist Chapel.

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Mike and Diane Corrado and their son, Mike, had as guests Al and Vivian Skaggs of Granite City and Robert and Hilda Corrado and children David and Steven.

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Bill and Pat Weathers have returned home from a fishing trip in Osage Beach, Mo.

Art and Pauline Dunn of Fredericktown, Mo., have returned home. They returned due to the

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death of a cousin, Eva (Johnson) Gilliam. Her husband, the former minister in the area.

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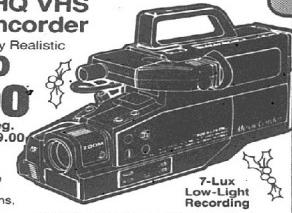
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## Entertainment

# 'Caribbean Festival Arts' a large-scale production

By Paul A. Harris  
Staff affiliate

The aesthetics of North Americans and Europeans for the exotic trappings of Caribbean cultures are quite apparent.

Jackson Browne, white rock 'n' roll star from Los Angeles, sets a song to a Jamaican reggae beat; Katherine Dunham, a black choreographer from New York, works Caribbean motifs into her pan-American dance compositions.

Caribbean carnivals and festive celebrations now are common sights on the streets of Brooklyn, N.Y., Toronto and London, further blurring the distinctions between Old World and New World between former slaves and former master. This is the process of cultural fusion foretold by educator Marshall McLuhan — we do indeed seem to be in the process of becoming a global village.

At the St. Louis Art Museum, a large-scale multimedia presentation titled "Caribbean Festival Arts" currently showing at the St. Louis Art Museum, addresses itself to this process of cultural fusion, bringing into sharp focus the origins, traditions and continuing evolution of Caribbean artistic traditions that are relentlessly infiltrating the popular cultures of North America and Europe.

In order to tell the story of Caribbean street celebrations, the Museum's Special Exhibition Gallery has been transformed into an archive of diverse depicting street scenes from various cities in the West Indies. The presentation employs multiple audio systems, several large video screens and wall-sized photomurals.

Extensively researched and painstakingly presented are adorned life-size mannequins which were manufactured especially for this exhibit. The costumes represent a variety of Caribbean cultural traditions, as manifested in different celebrations.

Some, like the body costumes worn during Trinidad's Christopher Columbus carnival, "Junkanoo," have a primitive, thrown-together look. They consist of shreds of fabric, pieces of mirrored glass and animal heads fashioned from a variety of materials.

A distinctly different set of aesthetic values is represented by the elaborate parade float structures of "Trinidad's" "Hosay" festival. That celebration, which takes place each year in mid-September, marking the deaths of two grandsons of the prophet Muhammad, reflects the harsh sensibilities of East Indian indentured servants who were brought to the West Indies in the early part of the 19th century.

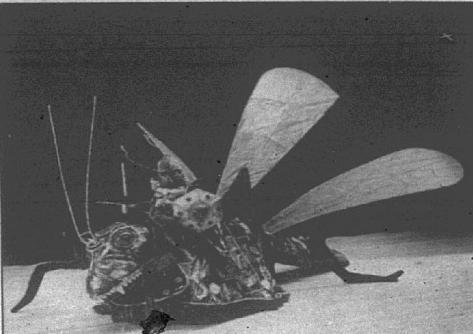
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"WARRIOR AND THE BATTLEFLY," a costume for Toronto artist Noel Audain, is included in the exhibit "Caribbean Festival Arts" now on view at the St. Louis Art Museum.

The costumes used in the festival and carnival of Caribbean Haiti and the New Orleans Mardi Gras have, in part, derived their inspiration from Amerindian ceremonial dress, including horned headdresses and feathered bonnets used by American Plains Indians.

"Caribbean Festival Arts" is something of a ground-breaking presentation in that it applies the values of a visual arts institution to subjects customarily dealt with in the more esoteric — more scholastic — domains of anthropology and geography. Viewers will be able to see the exhibition less than an hour to this exhibit; the video presentations, especially the one housed in a small theater next to the exhibit's exit, serve to cohere and clarify much of what has been seen.

The book "Caribbean Festival

Arts: Each and Every Bit of Difference," by architect and author John Nunley, the St. Louis Art Museum's curator of the arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas; and Professor Judith Bettelheim of San Francisco State University—is very thorough, and beautifully designed and conceived.

"Caribbean Festival Arts" will be presented through Feb. 19 in the St. Louis Art Museum. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The museum is closed Mondays. Admission to the exhibit is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and \$1 for children ages 6 to 12. Those who wish more information may call (314) 721-0067.

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## End to movie shortage in '89

The current shortage of Christmas films may be a thing of the past this time next year.

Disney Studios, which along with its Touchstone Pictures division currently holds the lion's share of the moviegoing audience (20.5 percent), has announced the formation of a new motion picture production company called Hollywood Pictures.

The new company begins work Feb. 1. It will produce Disney's annual production of new film products to about 24 motion pictures annually.

## 'Anything Goes' goes on by Muny

When the new national touring company presenting Cole Porter's 1928 classic musical "Anything Goes" took the stage on the road, the first stop was New Haven, Conn. There was only one problem: They couldn't fit the show's set onto the stage in time to meet the schedule restraints of a one-week engagement.

Even though changes were made in the sets, eventually the producers of "Anything Goes" decided not to accept anything less than a two-week booking in order to allow ample time to move "Anything Goes" in and out of theaters. That decision made the St. Louis Muny's booking of "Anything Goes" and will repeat in late spring 1989 a no-go, because The Muny's winter booking policy restricts engagements to one week.

Enter the national touring company of Stephen Sondheim's Tony-winning musical "Into the Woods," which never has played St. Louis. The attraction replaces "Anything Goes" and will open at the Fox Theater April 4 through 9.

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## Two releases remind us of magic of Disney films

By Paul Harris  
Record review

Walt Disney is most often remembered in terms of his animation. Now, on the 50th anniversary of the screen debut of Mickey Mouse, two very different recordings offer a look in on the making up that may have as much to do with the magic of the Disney films as any other.

"The Disney Album" (By Barbara Cook, MCA Classics) features some of the best music from Disney classics, performed by Broadway veteran Barbara Cook. The interpretations are straightforward and adhere to the spirit and context of the motion pictures that the songs originally graced.

Cook's singing range and expressive inflection derive from the Broadway mainstream: She sings "Someone's Waiting for You," from the 1937 film "The Rescuers." Or "The Pink Elephants on Parade," the Ned Washington/Oliver Wallace tune from the famous drunk scene in 1940s "Dumbo," she is propulsive and saucy.

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or Later," from the 1946 film "Song of the South."

With 14 tracks on the compact disc used for the purposes of this review, there is not enough time to list them all.

"Disney's 'Stay Awake'" (By various artists, produced by Hal Willner for A&M). Artists as diverse as Tom Waits, Sinead O'Connor, James Taylor, Harry Nilsson and Sun Ra, submit musical offerings to the Disney pictures to nearly every eccentric twist imaginable.

O'Connor somehow manages to make "Someday My Prince Will Come," the Frank Churchill/Mary Martin singing from 1937's "Snow White," sound ominous. Waits' treatment of "Heigh Ho (the Dwarfs' Marching Song)," from the same movie, borders on the threshold of pure noise. On the flip side, the R&B treatment of "Baby Mine," by Bonnie Raitt.

Like Willner's previous records, "Stay Awake" is intentionally off the wall. Avant-garde musicians like Brian Eno, Brian Nordin and keyboardist Sun Ra (who claims to half from the planet Saturn) render interpretations of the famous Disney tunes that are completely unique.

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## Considering cast, 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' fails

Considering the reputation of its two stars and director, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (\*\*) should have turned out better.

As it stands, this moderately funny farce may not elicit an explosion of enthusiasm from people seeking a comedy filled with delirious wit.

This is not to say the movie is not worth seeing for some of its off-beat, farcical humor.

Directed by Frank Oz ("The Little Shop of Horrors"), the movie stars Steve Martin and Michael Caine. French Riviera con artists engaged in a game of professional one-upmanship.

Caine is artful swindler Lawrence Jamison, a suave, beautiful prince supposedly acquiring funds to help free the people of his oppressed homeland.

Jamison occupies an elegant seaside villa in the Beaumont-sur-Mer resort area, a Mecca for wealthy tourists who flock to the casino.

The phony prince, who has kept the police chief on his payroll for years, meets on a train his professional competition, vulgarly pauper Fredrey Benson.

A grubby scam artist, Benson is negotiating with a female passenger for a free lunch and a few francs. She is a sympathetic平民 who falls for Benson's elaborate line about his sick and impoverished old grandmother he is trying to support.

Some of Martin's best moments in the film revolve around these sickeningly sweet lies.

Three writers, Dale Launer, Stanley Shapiro and Paul Hennings, share credit for the script, which finds the manic, uncouth Benson and the cultivated Jamison competing for rich women ripe for plundering whether at the casino gaming tables or in the sidewalk cafes.

Jamison, who has had the town to himself for years and is now threatened by Benson, ultimately takes him on as an apprentice and tutors

### Reviews

By Frank Hunter



him in dress and deportment and the finer points of separating people from their money.

But the towns can't support them both, and they finally take a bat. Who wins? Assuming \$50,000 from the next woman to come along will get to stay in town and rake in all the action; the loser will take the next train out.

The competition takes place in lush French Riviera settings, with both con artists assuming several personas.

When Caine wears princely regalia entertains an heiress with marriage to royalty on her mind, Martin impersonates a half-brother whose gross behavior, especially at the dinner table, is enough to send the title-seeker packing — minus much of her money, of course.

And when Martin elicits sympathy from an apparently naive American "soap queen" (Glenn Headly) by pretending to be a wheelchair-bound Navy officer deserted by his fiancee, Caine turns up as a quack — with a cruel streak — to cure him of his ailment.

Like the scams themselves, nothing turns out as expected, especially the ending.

But good performances by the principals cannot completely salvage "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," a comedy that slogs along in fits and starts more than belly laughs.

Rated PG (vulgarity, mild language). Running time: 110 minutes. Movie rated on a four star system.

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## 1988 good year for star Willem Dafoe

By Frank Hunter

It has been quite a year for Willem Dafoe.

The valuable actor plays Jesus in Martin Scorsese's controversial summer release "The Last Temptation of Christ." And Orion Pictures released "Mississippi Burning" in Los Angeles and New York prior to Dec. 31 with a total budget of \$10 million for an Oscar nomination.

"The Last Temptation of Christ" prompted public protest that stopped short of rock-throwing and club-wielding. But the public and ecclesiastic storms didn't bother Dafoe much. He figured it was the same with Galileo when Rome condemned Galileo's doctrines on astronomy and inquisitors forced him to recant.

"I was surprised 'Last Temptation' created such a stir because we took a very reverential approach to the story," said Dafoe. "The joke is that groups who have seen it call themselves religious and insist it's the devil's work. They ought to spend their time helping poor people sleeping on the sidewalk instead of outside this hotel."

"Mississippi Burning" is a fictional film based on fact. It was directed by England's Alan Parker, a man known for the provocative pictures "Midnight Express" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

"Mississippi Burning" will not doubt raise the hackles of practicing Ku Klux Klansmen and other racists for its blistering indictment of bigotry that in 1964 led to three civil rights murders and buried in an earthen dam of three young civil rights workers from Chicago.

Dafoe plays button-down, respected special agent Alan West. Gene Hackman is his more pragmatic FBI colleague

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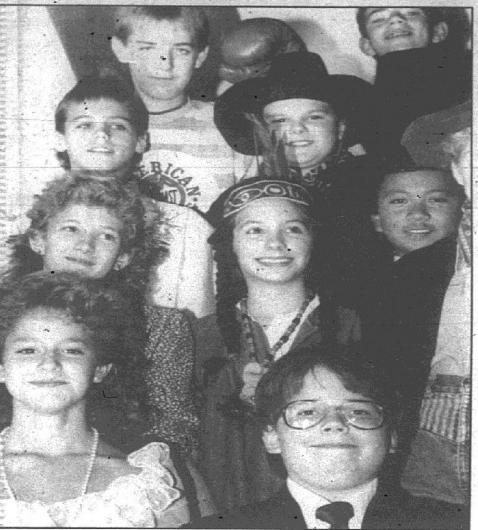
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# School



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IT'S NOT HALLOWEEN, just historical guests on "Lifestyles of the Past and Famous."

## 'Stars' are bright for Past and Famous show at St. Elizabeth School

GRANITE CITY — Robin Leach was in town with a list of celebrities that spanned two centuries as St. Elizabeth's sixth graders presented "Lifestyles of the Past and Famous."

Robin Leach, portrayed by Brian Schooley, interviewed such celebrities as Calamity Jane (Terri Yurko), Will Rogers (Joey Stima) and the King himself, Elton President (Dorey Kessler).

The project was jointly arranged by sixth-grade teacher Bernadette Denkler and learning center instructor Bobbie Lewis.

The students read about their characters and wrote brief interviews to be conducted with them, Leach and Robin Leach. They designed their own costumes modeled from photos of the celebrities. They also made signs to be carried in with them as they were introduced.

"This has been a stimulating way to study social studies," Denkler said. "It has also been a creative experience for the students. Learning lines that are already written is quite different from actually writing your own lines and creating a play from scratch."

Other celebrity guests included: Amelia Earhart (Leslie Neff), Walter Reed (Jason

Matus), George Eastman (Robin Eby), Richard Sears (Shawn Barks), Alyah Reebuck (Mike Worthen), P.T. Barnum (Baron Avran), Jack Dempsey (Doug Davison), Billie Jean (Leg James), Mary Baker Eddy (Gretta Alsop), The Gibson Girl (Wendy Atkinson), Pocahontas (Carris Schaus), Amelia Bloomer (Amy Bell) and Helen Keller (Jennifer Thornton).

Props were designed by fifth-grader Larry Wiegand.

## Drum major, double major at Charleston

CHARLESTON — Dan McComas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McComas of Granite City, is a member of Eastern Illinois University's Panther Marching Band.

The senior math and psychology double major is drum major for the band. He is also a member of Kappa Kappa Psi national band fraternity.

There are 150 Eastern students who devote at least eight hours a week of their time to bring the school spirit to Eastern's football games, as well as other sporting events and campus activities.

Members rehearse their drills three times a week and have a music rehearsal one night a week.

"We take a lot of pride in what we do. Students get satisfaction of being a team member in a project that offers a lot of challenge," said Band Director Tom Brawner.

Brawner said Eastern's program is different from other band programs because they perform a different half-time show every football game instead of the same show every week. "This takes a great deal of effort, but results in a show that we have a great deal of pride in."

Mitchell hosts annual dinner

Mitchell Elementary School recently held its annual pot-luck dinner.

Chairwoman Franca Borowski chose a fall color theme for the event, with orange table cloths, napkins and plates; gold place mats and gold and brown streamers.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Robert Bischoff, District 9 merchandise specialist, who gave information on various computer systems.

Girl Scouts from Troop #533 provided the flag ceremony.

Performing the honors were:

Trisha Sumpter, Hillary Ryan,

Amber Bales, and Kristen Rinehart.

Mary Beth Blomquist, Kristy Crawford, Traci Hosty and Amy LaRose.

The band members also have to memorize their music so do not use published music, only arranged. Brawner said he writes about a third of what they use. Al Horney, head of Eastern's Jazz Studies, writes a third and Brawner receives a third from various sources.

The band doesn't just perform on Eastern's field. It has also played for the opening day game for the Chicago Bears football team at Chicago's Soldier Field.

"This is a challenge for us. It makes us work hard because we perform in front of 65,000 people," said Brawner.

## Parkview kids get Ponderosa meals

Perfect attendance awards have been presented to 230 Parkview Elementary students in the form of a free "Kid's Meal" from Ponderosa Steak House.

The children were present every day during November and

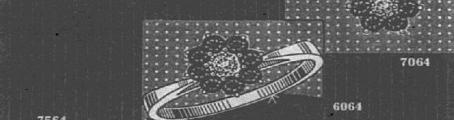
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# Food

## Christmas' popular beverages

The weather is brisk, the streets echo with the sound of carolers, storefront windows are filled with wondrous gifts and homes are decorated with wreaths of holly. Truly 'tis the season.

Christmas has been celebrated all over the world for the past 2,000 years, in climates ranging from the mild, sunny environs of Jerusalem to the cold, dark winter of Scandinavia. Each country has its special customs and each family carries on its own cherished traditions. Still, people everywhere share the universal sentiment, "Merry Christmas."

One of the oldest Christmas customs is the Wassail Bowl. The word "wassail" literally means "good health" in Old English, and the steaming, spiced liquid was celebrated in rhyme by Robert Herrick in the early 17th century. It remains popular to this day.

Holiday Wassail Bowl makes a bow to tradition by mingling ale and apple juice, warmed with aromatic spices, but brings this beverage into the 20th century with a great splash of piquant-sweet grapefruit juice to lighten and brighten the flavor. Serve it in the prettiest bowl and keep it piping hot on a Christmas greeting with style.

In Victorian times, oranges were brought to England by ship, so as a costly and rare fruit were cherished as a great treat. gift. "A single orange was as welcome as truffles might be today. Therefore, it is a surprise to find a recipe that uses a quart of orange juice, in a cookbook dated 1851, for a drink made in April.

The word "shrub" comes from the Arabic "shurb," meaning "drink." In "Sketches by Boz," Charles Dickens mentions "Miss Win's friend's young man would have given his clothes, gold or no Crown, to taste some shrub." If they did, they found it a potent drink, indeed. Orange Shrub is a very close adaptation of the original, and fresh oranges make it taste even better. Note that the shrub is best prepared five days before serving; it will be tasty and warming even if served immediately after it is mixed.

For a lighter, sweeter flavor, try Hot Mulled Punch. A sweet fruit punch and apple cider are brought to a simmer with aromatic seasonings. Wine or rum can be added, if desired, to the warm drink when it is served.

### Holiday wassail bowl

1 qt. grapefruit juice  
1 bottle (12 oz.) ale  
2 cups apple juice  
1 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup rum or brandy  
(3 inches each) cinnamon sticks  
whole cloves  
whole cardamom  
cup cream sherry

In large saucepan, combine grapefruit juice, ale, apple juice, sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 30 minutes.

Remove from heat. Stir in sherry.

Pour into heatproof punch bowl. Garnish with grapefruit slices and cinnamon sticks. Serve warm.

Yields about 10 cups.

### Orange shrub

5 or 6 oranges  
1 qt. rum or brandy  
cup sugar

Squeeze juice from oranges to taste. Strain. Reserve. Coarsely chop remains of 2 1/2 oranges.

In small saucepan, combine chopped orange and enough water to cover. Cook pan. Bring water to boil. Drain. Rinse orange with cold water.

In large bottle, combine strained-orange juice, rum, sugar and chopped orange. Cover. Shake well.

After 4 hours, strain and discard chopped orange. Cover. Store at room temperature 4 days. Shake occasionally.

Serve over ice in old-fashioned glasses.

Yields about 6 1/2 cups.

### Hot mulled punch

1 can (46 oz.) fruit punch  
3 cups apple cider  
2 cinnamon sticks  
1 tsp. whole cloves  
(3 by 1 inch) strip orange peel

Combine punch, cider, cinnamon sticks, cloves and orange peel in Dutch oven. Bring to boil. Remove from heat. Serve warm.

Variation: Add 1/2 cup dry red wine or dark rum just before serving.

Makes about 9 cups.

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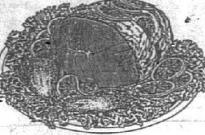
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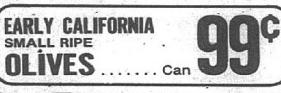
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# Let turkey bask as company whets appetite

By Jacqueline Lankford  
Registered dietitian  
American Heart Association

Traditional holiday dinners challenge even the most experienced cooks to juggle their offerings with overabundance. Many cooks rely on their microwave ovens, while others have found the best solution outdoors by cooking the turkey in a covered roasting pan.

This solution is practical when considering its many benefits. The turkey is generally the largest item to be prepared, requiring the most space and time in an oven. Preparing it outdoors frees the oven for other traditional items, such as sweet potato

trees and dinner rolls, and for new traditions such as hot appetizers or desserts.

In many families, a spouse often does the outdoor cooking during the summer while the cook prepares side dishes. The same concept can hold true on Christmas Day, with more cooking responsibilities shared.

A whole turkey can be grilled or roasted, stuffed or unstuffed, in a covered gas or charcoal grill.

Regardless of how turkey is prepared, stuffing is a traditional favorite. The following cornbread dressing is delicious, yet lower in fat, sodium and calories than most traditional recipes. It

is one of many modified holiday recipes found in the "Healthy Holidays Cookbook." Those who want a copy may send a check or money order for \$7 to American Heart Association, 4643 Lind Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108.

**Cornbread stuffing**  
3 cups crumbled cornbread

1 cup bread crumbs  
2 cups chicken broth  
2 stalks celery, finely chopped  
1 large onion, finely chopped  
2 egg whites  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 tsp. sage or poultry seasoning

Combine cornbread, bread crumbs, broth, celery, onion, egg whites, pepper and sage in mix-

ing bowl. Mix well.

Turn into oiled baking dish. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes, or use as stuffing in turkey.

Makes about 10 to 12 cups. 140 to 150 calories, 4 gm. fat, 233 mg. sodium and no cholesterol. (If cornbread is made without egg yolks) per serving.



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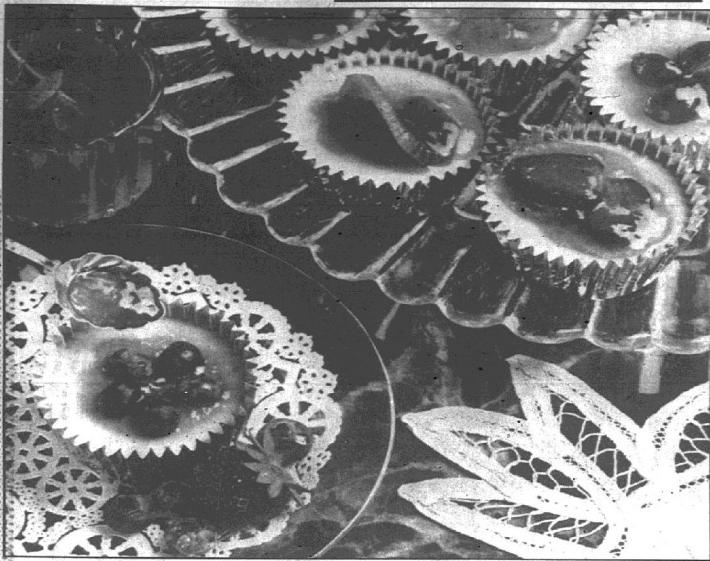
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### Pineapple cranberry mold

1 can (20 oz.) whole pineapple, drained, reserving juice  
1 pkg. (3 oz.) raspberry gelatin  
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup (16 oz.) jellied cranberry sauce  
1/2 cup port, if desired  
1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted, if desired  
1 tbsp. grated orange-peel

Prepare gelatin according to package directions, using pineapple juice and water.

Mix cheese with 1/2 cup cranberry sauce. Stuff in center of pineapple. Return to can. Pour gelatin into can with pineapple to fill. Chill until firm.

Soften cranberry sauce in microwave oven or on stove top. Stir in remaining gelatin. Add port, almonds and orange peel. Chill in bowl until firm.

To serve, unmold from can on serving plate. Dice gelatin in bowl. Surround pineapple with gelatin.

Slice pineapple. Serve with diced cranberry gelatin. Serves 8.

### Creamy fudge candy

3 cups sugar  
1/3 cup butter or margarine  
1 cup Pet or Milnot  
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6-ounce packages of chocolate chips (2 cups)  
1 cup pecans  
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine sugar, butter, canned milk and marshmallow creme in heavy saucepan. Heat slowly to boiling. Stir frequently.

Kathryn Lorentz, Granite City

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## Students can get tax cuts

There are new techniques and strategies that will, if you apply them correctly, cut your income taxes for 1988.

There also are new restrictions that apply to the cuts of the year. To guide you to the end of the year, I have been consulting with Eli J. Warach, senior vice president and chief consultant for Prentice Hall.

Let's start with the dependency exemption situation. As you soon will note, different circumstances call for different strategies and sometimes drastic changes. The prime objective here is to make full use of the dependency exemption (\$1,950 in 1988) and \$2,000 in 1989).

[Example: Your son Steve is a student in 1988 and will continue to be a student in 1989. You have two choices: one more than half of his support each year.

In June 1988, Steve got married. His wife also is a student. Naturally, the tax question that now comes up is: Should the two spouses file a joint return?

In most cases, the answer will be a definite "no."

Here is why. If your child files a joint return, you cannot claim any dependents. So you lose the exemption deduction despite the fact that you supply more than half the support.

What to do: Have Steve and his wife file separate tax returns. They will qualify for a dependency deduction for Steve — he is a student and you do provide more than half his support.

If your daughter-in-law gets more than half her support from her parents, they can claim her as a dependent. So it is a double winner.

So far, so good. The children file separate returns; the parents get the dependency deductions.

But suppose Steve has \$3,000 of interest income. Can he also claim his personal exemption?

Answer: No. Steve is still eligible to be claimed as a dependent by you; he loses out on the exemption. But from a family viewpoint, your tax rate is higher, so you come out ahead.

With that in mind, is this the strategy you always want to use?

Answer: Absolutely not.

[Example: Suppose you have a taxable income in 1988 in excess of \$149,281. That income will not be able to use the full dependency exemption for Steve. That is what the tax law says.

The fact is, however, that deduction may well be entirely wiped out. The reason is once your taxable income reaches that key figure in 1988, you run into a penalty surtax for making too much money.

It may be hard to believe, but it's true. Your deductions for personal exemptions start phasing out at that figure. (In 1989, there will be an adjustment for inflation.)

What to do: In this case, by all means encourage Steve and his wife to file joint tax returns. This way, they at least will get the benefit of the deduction. And the interest income won't cost them more because they no longer are dependents and they get the full standard deduction and two personal exemptions.

What about a situation you might say: "If you are contributing more than half the support of a student, you are eligible to claim a dependency deduction for that student."

So why doesn't that also knock out the dependent's deduction? Under ordinary circumstances that is precisely what would happen, but these aren't ordinary circumstances. The Internal Revenue Code makes it clear that when a "dependent" files a joint tax return, he no longer can be claimed as a dependent.

Let's take it one more step.

Suppose that you support a daughter who is in college and not married.

She earns about \$8,000 a year and you contribute \$2,000 toward her support. She has been banking \$2,500 a year of her earnings. Your taxable income exceeds, say, \$160,000 a year.

What to do: Have her spend all her earnings on herself. You put \$2,500 a year in the bank for her savings and the remaining \$7,500 goes toward support.

Result: She gets the dependency deduction, but you couldn't have taken it anyway. (Your taxable income is too high.)

The total dollars remain the same as far as your daughter is concerned. The big difference is a \$1,950 deduction that you salvage for your daughter (\$2,900 in 1989).

## NARFE chooses officers

The regular meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees was held recently at Charlie's Restaurant. There were 62 in attendance, including one new member, Mark Kudelka. Also present were guests Mr. and Mrs. Ted Todoroff of Battle Creek, Mich.

In the absence of President Gene Ross, former past President Jerry Walker called the meeting to order. Second Vice President Thara Erney gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Helen Martin, Treasurer and Acting Secretary, Marlene Folger, Helen Todoroff reported that each of living adjustments (COLA's) of 4 percent became effective in civil service as well as Social

and Georgia McMillan, the service officer, reported on regular life insurance.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Robert Graves, Clemons and Charles Zeller, presented the following slate of officers for the President, Ruth Stoyanoff, First Vice President, Gene Ross; Second Vice President, Thara Erney, Helen Martin, Treasurer and Acting Secretary, Marlene Folger. Helen Todoroff reported that each of living adjustments (COLA's) of 4 percent became effective in civil service as well as Social

Security on Dec. 1 and will be reflected in checks received in January.

At a previous meeting, it was incorrectly reported that the Medical Part B Premium for 1989 would be \$100 monthly. Actually, according to Federal Register Vol. 53, No. 190 dated Sept. 30, 1988, there will be a four-tiered part B premium in both parts A and B. Medicare will pay \$31.90 monthly. Those enrolled in part B only will pay \$27.90 monthly.

## Prepared autos will go the distance this winter

By Peter Bohr

It seems that cars are like bears or groundhogs; they would rather hibernate in a warm place, like a den or garage, than face the winter's chill.

However, if you make a few preparations before the snow falls and the temperature drops, you can keep your automobile from turning into a sluggish, cantankerous beast.

Let's start with the battery (pun intended). Rousing an engine from a deep winter's sleep can be quite a challenge for a battery. To see if the one in your car is up to the task, have your mechanic run a load test to check the battery's reserve capacity.

Batteries have a tough time in winter because motor oil tends to congeal in the crankcase like a glob of yesterday's oatmeal, especially if the oil is of the wrong viscosity. The engine's starter motor turns drag the pistons and other components through the mush, which can quickly drain the battery's energy.

You'll also want to treat your car to an oil change. Replace the old summer weight oil with one that stays thin. The "W," by the way, stands for "winter," and means that the oil will stay at

the indicated viscosity in sub-freezing temperatures.

Winters tend to be wet as well as cold, and moisture can also dampen an enthusiastic response from your car's engine. Moisture combined with worn points in the distributor, corrosion of terminals, frayed spark plug wires or a cracked distributor cap is guaranteed to make your car hard to start. Have your mechanic check all these electrical components.

On the subject of moisture, it's obviously important to keep the water in your car's cooling system from turning to ice. That's the job of antifreeze. Antifreeze is used to dilute the water in the radiator and add a fresh solution at least every couple of years. A 50-50 mixture of antifreeze and tap water is fine the whole year around in most areas.

Don't forget the windshield-washer container: the water can freeze in there, too. Washers are especially useful in cleaning off the mud and slush of winter roads. So add a combination antifreeze/detergent to the washer container.

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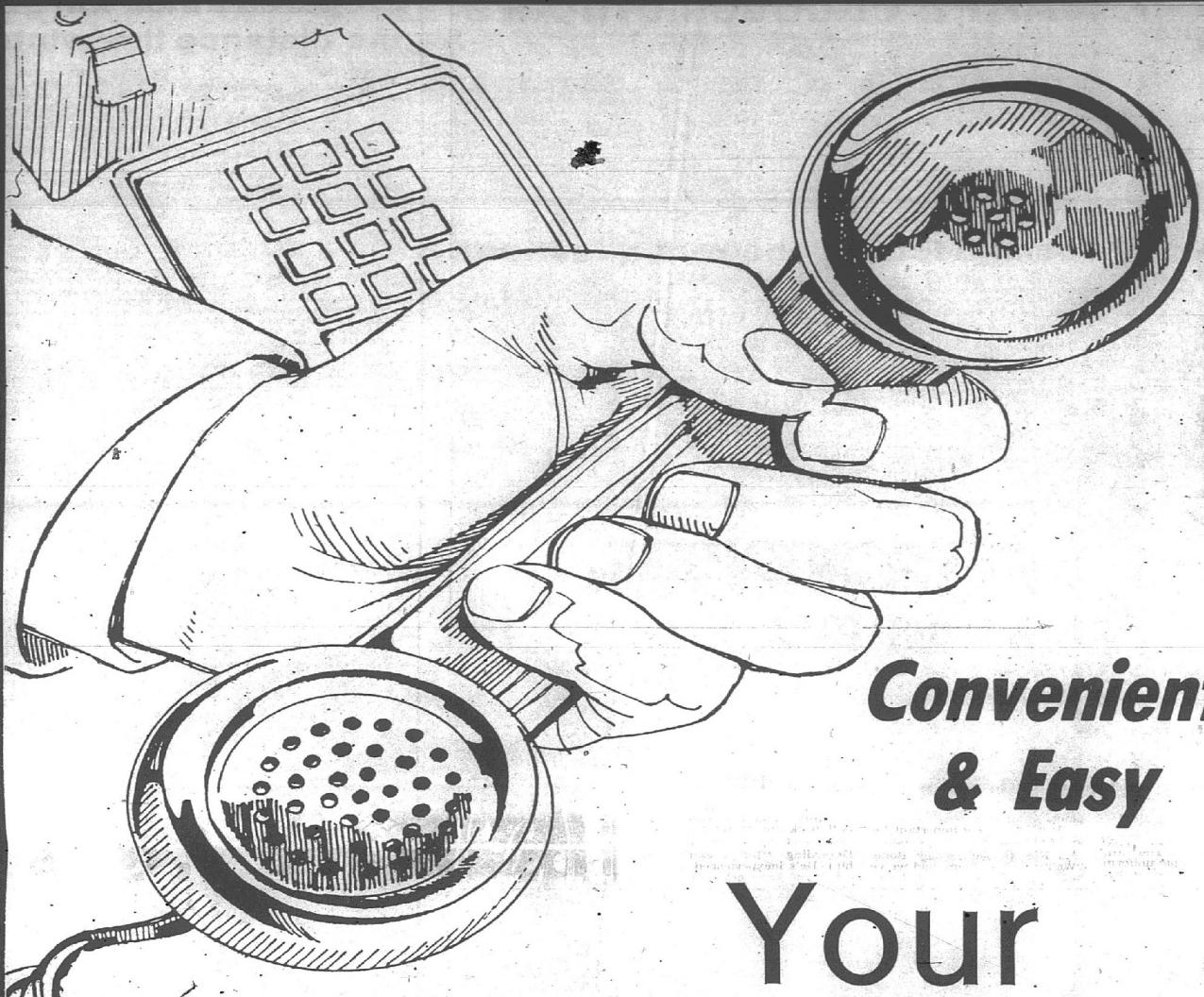
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JOHN VANBUSKIRK, in action against Cahokia on Friday, had a good game in a losing cause vs. Collinsville on Saturday.

## Pace, Kahoks clip Warriors

By Gary King  
Staff writer

**GRANITE CITY** — The tall, thin figure in the purple uniform was Don Deterding's worst nightmare. He'd never seen it after two weeks on the shelf with a leg injury. Collinsville's Tim Pace had chosen Granite City's Memorial Gymnasium as the site for his coming-out party.

By the time the final buzzer had sounded on Collinsville's 54-53 win over the Warriors on Saturday, Deterding's fears had been justified.

Pace, the Kahoks' All-State candidate, walked off the floor as the Warriors' collective nightmare in living color to score 13 fourth-quarter points and help propel Collinsville past the undersized Granite City gang.

The Warriors fell to 5-5 (0-2 in Southeastern Conference play).

The Kahoks are now 3-3 (1-1 in the SWC).

After falling into early foul trouble, Pace spent the majority of the first half on the bench and was held scoreless for most of the first three quarters. But when it was time for the cream to rise to the top, Pace rose to the occasion by sinking four free throws in the final 35 seconds to preserve the Kahok victory.

"He had been out for a few weeks, but I knew good and well he'd be in there tonight," Deterding said. "I couldn't imagine him sitting this out."

"He made some key plays for them down the stretch, but he's an all-star, he should do that. He's their team leader and he's a great player."

But Pace did not act alone in the deed. He also received more than ample help from 6-6 center Kyle Jones, who scored 17 points and dominated play inside the

paint.

"It was just real important for us to get this win here tonight," said Jones.

"Bob [Burton] is a young team,

and we've never played that well here.

Pace isn't in real good shape because he's been out a few weeks, but he came through when we needed him." And so we thought our inside game was good," Jones said (forward Kris) Kathmann are young, but they're getting better."

When the Kahoks front line was dominant, the Warriors' inside game was all but dormant. In all, Granite City's front three of Jeff Schaefer, Kory Burton and Brett Cook were limited to 26 points, which included six from three-pointers from Cook, who now has 44 treys in 10 games. Burton struggled his way to 10 points while Schaefer contributed only a free throw.

"I think the one thing that you can't win without is inside scoring threat," Deterding said.

"Defensively, we held them to 54, which is fine. But if you don't have that threat inside, the defense can key on your outside game and there's nothing you can do."

The Warriors' troubles inside were almost fully compensated for by the backcourt play of Mike Wilkinson and John VanBuskirk.

Wilkinson scored 13 points, while VanBuskirk scored 12 points, and collected seven rebounds and five steals.

With the seconds of the game, Wilkinson had two chances to tie the game with a three-pointer, but both of his attempts missed the mark. In somethings of a mental error, Dan Niles snared Wilkinson's second three-point miss, and layed it in with three seconds on the clock.

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Smith, who was averaging approximately 30 points a game on the freshman level, scored 17 points in 14 minutes of junior varsity play Saturday.

"He won't stand against Jacksonville, but he will see playing time," Deterding said. "He might fall flat on his face, but we've got to try something."

"Niles should've kicked the ball back out so we could take one more crack at it," said Deterding. "But I can't fault him. He's inexperienced, and we might not have got another shot away anyhow."

So convincing was Collinsville's inside dominance that Deterding will add a new device to his bag of tricks than he ever has in more than 23 years of coaching.

When Granite City takes the court again Jan. 12, Burton, Friday, 6-7 freshman Jeff Smith will be in the lineup. Deterding said he has never started a freshman in all his years of coaching, but expects Smith to be in the starting lineup by Jan. 12.

With the switch, Burton will go back to forward — where he played most of last season — and Schaefer will rotate in at the forward spot.

"I want to make this very clear. I'm not disappointed in Kory Burton, because I asked him to do something that was high, night and impossible to begin with," Deterding said.

"When you're G-2 and trying to play center, it's tough. And Kory's a better player when he's facing the basket anyway. We knew that coming into the season."

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## Wrestlers pick up more steam; dominate House Springs Quad

**HOUSE SPRINGS, Mo.** — Every year, some of the state's better high school wrestling teams invade Granite City after Christmas. They all want to win one of the winter wrestling tournaments around.

If recent weeks are any indication, the home team is more than ready to defend its own turf.

The Warriors turned the throttle up another notch on Saturday, winning the House Springs Quad in impressive fashion. Granite City took championships in nine of the 13 weight classes and second place in another. They scored 155 points, outdistancing second-place Farmington by 46. In the process, the matmen picked up three more dual meet victories, giving them six in a row and an 8-5 record for the season.

"This gives us a lot of momentum going into the holiday tournament," said coach Mike Garland. "I thought we were ready to do well over there, but I didn't expect to have nine champions."

The roll call of champions

reads like this: Chris Hankins at 103 pounds; Todd Hutchinson at 112; Bryan Pritchett at 119; Brent Davis at 125; Doug Edwards at 135; Rich Fenoglio at 145; Dan Grayson at 160; Larry Hahn at 169; and Dale Hutson at 275. Brad Massey took

classes with the return of Hull, Grayson, Masse, Hahn and Hutson have combined for 21 pins. Pritchett is now 12-1 with seven pins. Hankins is 9-1 with a pair of pins at 103.

"We still have some work to do in technique," Garland said. "We need to get better on our feet."

It was the fourth time in four years Davis has won the House Springs Quad. Hutchinson, Fenoglio and Grayson are all two-time champions. A list of the holiday tournament will appear in Thursday's *Press-Record*.

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**GRANITE CITY** — House Springs 29 of 33 pins; Jeff Schaefer 10 pins. Davis' streak of pins ended, however, when he had to settle for a 14-3 decision over Farmington's Eric Burban. Davis is still unbeaten on the season at 13-0.

The Warriors are gaining strength in the upper weight

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# The Sports Pager caters to true sports fanatics



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THE SPORTS PAGER shows that Florida is a 5½-point favorite over Illinois in next week's All-American Bowl.

By Dave Whaley  
Executive sports editor

Looking for a last-minute Christmas gift for your favorite sports fan? I mean a real sports fan.

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"It's the first of its kind," said Mike Blackshore of Madison, a salesman and spokesman for Midwest Sports Pages of Hanwood, Mo. "If you're a big fan, you'll want to keep up with the latest scores. And a final recap of the previous night's events stays until 10 or 11 a.m. the next day."

You can rest assured the owner of a unit is a true sports fan. One unit costs \$495, plus \$65 per month to receive the service from the manufacturer.

The Sports Pager, which can also be programmed to work as a personal beeper, has a 32-character alpha-numeric readout. It can store up to 100 numbers, which carry different categories of information. Not only are scores given, but also news on trades, key injuries and weather conditions at all the big games. All the news from Balmoral race track in Chicago is constantly

updated. Betting lines from Las Vegas are also available.

"We try to play down the gambling aspect," said Blackshore. "But it all comes out of Las Vegas. It would be stupid to satellite all this information and not include the last line."

Midwest Sports Page has a tower in Fairview Heights which beams the information for a 75-mile radius. A computer chip in each Sports Pager in this market allows for transmission only from the Fairview Heights tower.

"Our Beeper Plus is in 15 of the major markets now," said Blackshore. "They're hoping to get into more. This is an alternative to the 900 numbers you can dial to get the latest sports news. You can be anywhere and find out what's going on."

The Sports Pager operates with a nickel cadmium battery which never needs replacement. The unit comes with a desk-top holder which also serves as a charger. Place it in the "charger

overnight after turning the unit off, then turn it on in the morning to get those west coast scores. There's also a lighted dial."

"It comes in handy when you're doing a radio show from a remote location," said Blackshore, who does Budweiser Sports Talk with Howard Balzer on KXOE on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "That's how I came into contact with it. It's a premier product."

Blackshore said Midwest Sports Page has sold between 30 and 40 units since August, and that more than 1,000 have been sold in the New York City market.

"The units are guaranteed for five years," he said. "And we'll give out a loaner for anyone whose beeper needs repairs."

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## Cougars come back to beat Union

By Al Barnes  
Correspondent

**EDWARDSVILLE** — When the coach of an independent college football team lines up his schedule, it runs the risk.

Signing a no-name opponent like Union University of Union, Tenn., might look like an easy victory; but that school could turn out to be a giant killer. Both schools are forced to reschedule to put the victory on the books in order to impress the guys who pick teams for the NCAA post-

**GC soccer alumni banquet is Dec. 23**

The Granite City soccer alumni banquet will be held Dec. 23 at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall. Special guests to be honored by Warrior coach Gene Baker include former players Ted Gegus, Dave Sheridan, David Jameson, David Kaz, Parsons to-be honored are Franz Feigl, Don Goldschmidt Sr., Ed Hagnauer and Bob Yount. Baker's assistants, Mel Bunting and Dave Ames, will also be honored.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cash bar only. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at Jim's Liquors, 100 W. Main St.; Styles, 100 W. Main St.; 7720 N. Main Street; Shadwick's Drug Store, 2301 State St.; or by contacting Ranney and Rosanne Rich, 876-7346; or Larry and Shirley Ryan, 2560 Westmoreland.



season tournaments.

It's a common practice, but it can backfire. It looked for a while on Saturday that Larry Graham had made such a mis-take. He had already jumped out to a 9-2 lead on the SIEU Cougars. But the Cougars bounced back for an 85-72 win to raise their record to 7-2.

The Cougars didn't gain the lead until the fourth quarter and been played. Odell Tidwell stole the ball at midcourt and raced in for a slam dunk and a 22-21 SIEU lead.

Helped by two recent additions to the roster, the Cougars took a

35-30 lead at halftime. Tony Gallo, a 6-7 junior college transfer from Newark, N.J., had 12 points, and Monte Kuhnert of Du Quoin also turned in a strong performance.

Tim Brown paced the Cougar attack with 22 points in only 19 minutes. Edgar Wilson had 12 points and eight rebounds. Tidwell had third in the country (Division II) in field goal percentage, shooting 77.3 percent.

The Cougars are off until Dec. 30 when they play at Florida Southern. They return home for a Jan. 5 against Wisconsin-Parkside.

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## Sports medicine industry thrives from fitness boom

By Roger McGrath  
Staff affiliate

The fitness boom has created a burgeoning new industry — sports medicine.

"It's the new buzz word of medicine," says Bob Vogt, administrator at the St. Louis Orthopedic Sports Medicine Clinic, which claims to be the first such clinic in the area. The clinic's staff sees 700 patients a week, 60 percent of them amateur athletes, including high school and college students and weekend warriors. "There are patients seeking workman compensation or with other injuries. Other clinics have sprung up to capture part of the market. In fact, most physical therapists are now sports medicine specialists in their name."

Physicians are jumping on the bandwagon, too, with many hanging out shingles proclaiming sports medicine as a specialty. Missouri Business Herald is in the midst of a multimillion-dollar ad campaign featuring sports medicine.

I don't think it was sparked by any particular ad," says Dr. Steve Lamm, the dean of the local sports medicine practitioners and team doctor for the baseball Cardinals. "What we're seeing now is a snowball effect. And it is all to the good."

Most physicians credit the interest in fitness and health with spurring the sports medicine industry.

"There are more people active now than in the history of the United States," says Al Amato, of Professional Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, which has an office in Creve Coeur and seven clinics throughout the area.

"The downside is the possibility you'll be hurt," says Gene Gieseck, trainer for the baseball Cardinals and a partner in four sports medicine clinics.

Up until the early 1970s, doctors ordered hurt athletes to quit working out until the injury healed. They then gave their OK to resume playing.

"That wasn't right," says

Randy Biggerstaff of St. Louis Rehabilitation and Sports Clinic in Crystal City. "There were no doctors who would rehabilitate the patient."

There were no doctors to prescribe a regimen that would strengthen an injury-prone muscle, Biggerstaff said. Moreover, many athletes who were disabled still were not ready for the rigors of competition because, in following no-workout orders, their overall physical condition deteriorated. Then came the running/jogging boom of the mid-'70s.

"The adult athlete, the runners, the marathoners — they were the first group identified as athletes," Biggerstaff says.

At races sponsored by the St. Louis Track Club, Biggerstaff was asked for advice by many people, especially women-runners, he says. Meanwhile, parents also were calling Giemann and his partner Bill Hoppinger, a trainer at St. Louis University, asking for "the kind of information you give to professional athletes," Giemann says.

Dr. Harlen Hunter's St. Louis Orthopedic Sports Medicine Clinic, which opened in west St. Louis County in the mid-1970s, is acknowledged as one of the area's first clinics. Other clinics had been opened earlier (Amato opened his first clinic 20 years ago), but they were staffed by unlicensed physical therapists, not doctors.

"We've expanded rapidly in the last five or six years," says Amato, who has eight clinics in the St. Louis area. "You can spend some major dough equipping a clinic," says Amato, who notes that a high-end exerciser machine can run \$40,000. Vogt says a clinic operator can easily spend \$100,000 on hardware.

How competitive is the sports medicine business? Forty high schools used to pay Hunter's outfit to station a sports medicine specialist on the sidelines for every game.

"As a result of competition,

we (now) have to offer that service free," administrator Vogt says. "When I started working here in 1983, marketing was a Yellow Pages ad and an ad in the high school program of the teams we covered."

Vogt's current advertising strategy is different.

"We need to get our name known to the parents," he says. "So we have commercials that air on ESPN, the cable sports channel, plus a radio advertising sports medicine programs on KXOK-AM (630), and a 'sports medicine minute' every day on WMRY-FM (101.1). Clinics run

by physical therapists or certified athletic trainers rely on referrals from physicians.

"I still think there's a lot of untapped areas, especially among athletes who are not healthy, but who could use the advice about conditioning or some other area of the fitness program," Vogt says.

It takes a broken toe, a major ankle tear to convince these athletes to seek treatment.

"They're addicted to it," Biggerstaff says of their exercise regimens.

And that makes the sports medicine industry very healthy.

## Levins end college careers with honors

Michelle (Morgan) Levin of Granite City finished her volleyball career at Peru State (Neb.) College as the Bobcats' career assist leader with 2,591. She was the team's Most Valuable Player this season.

Peru State finished 41-9 this year and was the No. 5 hitting team in the country with 13.8 kills per game. Levin was eighth in the country in assists with 9.35 per game. The Lady Bobcats earned their second straight NAIA District 11 playoff appearance and established a school record for victories.

Her husband Brian, also of Granite City, was named to the second team of the 1988 Omaha World-Herald All-State college volleyball team. Brian is a senior at Peru State, finished his career with a school-record 45 field goals. He was a first-team choice in 1987 after leading the NAIA Division II in kill scoring with 7.7 kills per game. He averaged five points per game this year for the Bobcats, who finished at 6-4.

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Tony Goughner in 1:23; 171 - Brian best

Steve Lutze 9-2; 274 - DALE HUTSON pinned

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## CCA NEWSLETTER

Hi CCA'ers:

The CCA Club Winners from December 12th turn-in for Small Clubs were:

1ST PLACE - TRINITY LUTHERAN CADET TROOP #885 ..... \$50.00  
2ND PLACE - ST. MARY'S CADET TROOP #886 ..... \$30.00  
3RD PLACE - MADISON COUNTY REPUBLICANS ..... \$20.00  
4TH PLACE - GRANITE CITY SCOUTING CLUB ..... \$10.00

Congratulations to our winners, and to all of you who worked hard getting CCA points for your group.

**CHIEF OF THE WEEK** Is Theresa of the Trinity Lutheran Cadet Troop #886. Congratulations for a job well done in filling out the trophy sheet neatly and correctly.

There will not be any turn-ins the last two weeks in December or the first week in January. The next turn-in will be January 16th. Remember CCA members, recruit your family, friends and neighbors to help you pick up the points for cash awards for your group. Also, we will have Newsletter contests during our Holiday break on a weekly basis, so don't forget to keep collecting.

Remember, clubs have many special Christmas gift items that will discount your club or organization extra bonus points.

**PEDAL SHOP** - Receive 200,000 bonus points with the purchase of an Accufit 2000 Pedal Bike. Order now! While we are open for business, we are offering a special deal for the holidays. Order now and receive \$40.00 off plus 10,000 extra bonus points.

**BIEGERTS JEWELERS** - Just in time for Christmas! Buy any Mikimoto Moonlight watch and receive \$40.00 off plus 10,000 extra bonus points.

**QUALITY-QUICK PRINT** - Send us your packages by UPS and receive 10,000 extra bonus points.

**THE CATERER** - Order from The Caterer for your party trays today! Finger foods, party sandwiches, relish trays, etc. Special rates for pick ups. Order now!

**DR. LARRY CROCKER** - Stop in and see your six month dental exam using all the latest equipment. We are located in D'Adrian Professional Park. Call today!

**DR. GARDEN OF MEMORY** - There is a need for pre-planning. Stop by today and inquire about a free consultation with Dr. Garden.

**KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN** - Purchase 10 pc. bucket of chicken or a 2 or 3 pc. dinner and receive a free drink.

**LOVE AND LACE BRIDAL** - For that Christmas or New Year's Party purchase a Holiday dress or a multi-colored sequin top and receive an extra 30,000 bonus points.

**SWARTZHEIM HEARTHLAND DRUG CENTER** - Are we the holiday supply headquarters? Purchase \$25.00 or more in party supplies and receive extra bonus points. Ask for your free catalog.

**PETYON OLDSMOBILE** - Test drive a new or used car and receive an extra 10,000 bonus points. Have your car serviced now! We have the latest equipment to see to it that your vehicle is in top shape.

**PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY** - Earn 10,000 bonus points for a 12 pack of Diet Coke. Give that empty can to your club chairperson. Remember, it is 10,000 pts. per 12 pack.

**DOCTORS CLINIC** - Convenience... we solve the difficult diagnostic problems. No more running, stop at the Doctors Clinic and earn 5,000 extra bonus points for a complete physical exam.

**LANDMARK BANK** - The "CCD Specialists" are at all our branch banks throughout the Madison County area. Count on your investment and earn 25,000 bonus points. See us for your free planning booklet.

**SANDY'S LIMITED BOUTIQUE** - It's the season for giving and receiving. Receive 10,000 extra bonus points if you shop during these special discount days. Bring in a friend to earn 10,000 bonus points.

Dec. 18th - 10 am to 9 pm you receive 40% off great dresses. Dec. 23rd - 10 am to 9 pm you can get 40% off on leather coats, skirts or pants. Then on Dec. 24th from 10 am to 9 pm you receive 40% off on a surprise group of clothing.

Keep up the good work. Please let us know about our special offers!

Valerie and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

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